

For Karl HASS file

A CIC Austria Detachment 35 report, XOR-2057, dated 28 March 1951, was acquired by CIA and sent to Hq via MAVA-8392 as one of several hundred CIC Los Angeles reports. XOR-2057 describes a meeting between Joe Luongo, CIC agent, with HASS in Rome. At that time (March 1951), HASS was still working for CIC Austria. LUONGO at this meeting laid down a new P.O. box in Linz. Luongo asked for news of Willi Hoettl or the Gmunden Kreis people. HASS said he had gotten a couple of letters from HOETTL but labelled the Gmunden people a bunch of cretins for their attitude and their attempt to glorify the super-state(sic). (Note: Apparent refers to KERNMEYER and company).

LUONGO, hoping to get a line on HOETTL, asked HASS to enter into correspondence with HOETTL and to turn over HOETTL's letters to LUONGO when received.

HASS was at that time developing an operation to blackmail PCI Senator Giacomo PELLEGRINI into cooperation using a 1937 document which PELLEGRINI has written to OVRA denouncing four PCI couriers coming clandestinely from France into Fascist Italy. The couriers were caught and executed.

HASS has a photostate of the original PELLEGRINI letter; the original was destroyed after an OVRA member successfully blackmailed PELLEGRINI with it after the liberation of Rome. PELLEGRINI thinks the evidence of his Party betrayal has been completely wiped out.

HASS as of March 1951 ran a background check on PELLEGRINI. This part of HASS' activities is covered in more detail in our LAMENTO file (see also PELLEGRINI).

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